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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **AN APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MONITORING A
VASCULAR ACCESS OF A PATIENT SUBJECTED TO AN
EXTRACORPOREAL BLOOD TREATMENT**

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 74 pages, including 5 independent claims and 278 claims total.
2. Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings containing 5 figures.
3. Preliminary Amendment.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **GAMBRO DASCO S.p.A.**
6. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to **GAMBRO LUNDIA AB**.
7. Certified copy of Italian Patent Application No. MO2003 A 000018, filed on January 28, 2003.

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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Italian Patent Application No. MO2003 A 000018, filed on January 28, 2003, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/466,052, filed April 29, 2003.

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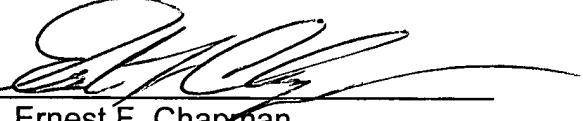
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Respectfully submitted,

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